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REMARKS

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1. Between 14 and 16 October 1953, artillery units arrived at the Nachrichten Kaserne in Magdeburg. Since that time the barracks installation has been occupied to capacity. Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on 17 October, there was intensive traffic by trucks carrying personnel, baggage and billeting equipment, between Zuckerkasern Kaserne and Seeckt Kaserne. At 7:30 a.m. on 18 October, 50 trucks with pontoons, engineer equipment and motor boats and at 9:30 a.m., 60 trucks with pontoons, engineer equipment, 6 motor boats and cranes, proceeded from the direction of Heyrothsberge toward Seeckt Kaserne.
2. Prior to 17 October, the Herronrug Kaserne north of Weidagshausen was occupied by about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black berets, some of them with artillery insignia. Since 7 October, units carrying full equipment had left the installation toward the Stendal-Doelle-Schwarzlose-Tangerhuetten area.

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3. After 11 October, the Anger Kaserne quartered only about 100 soldiers. On 10 October the unit carrying full equipment had left the installation. 1
4. Prior to 17 October, the Flak Kaserne in Cracau was occupied by about 1,300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets partly with artillery insignia. 1

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1. Comment. the 19th Gds Mecz Div headquarter, a guards signal battalion, the 62d Gds Mecz Regt, and the 112th Mtrcl Bn were probably involved in these exercises, but a tank regiment from the Herrenkrug Kaserne and artillery units of the 83d Gds Mecz Regt from the Nachrichten Kaserne possibly also took part. the exercises were completed on or about 12 October. Possibly the units from the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne which had been at their post since mid-June conducted special exercises at Letzling Heath after the completion of fall maneuvers.
2. Comment. The 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFG probably returned to the Seeckt Kaserne. The units had probably been detrained at Biederitz. Components of the regiment were, however, apparently shipped by rail to the Zuckerbusch Kaserne which has railroad connection.

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